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ATTENTION: DRAFTING

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Attached hereto are formal drawings or corrected formal drawings for the above-identified application.

It is respectfully requested that these drawings be entered in the application file.

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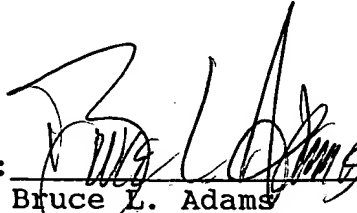
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